

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-10 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

~~a first input unit configured to input application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus;~~

~~a second input unit configured to input print data suitable for printing, the print data being generated by converting the application data;~~

~~a registration-storage unit configured to register-store both the application data and the print data generated from the application data in a database with a specific common index, wherein the application data and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index being created by predetermined application software and being converted into the print data suitable for printing;~~

a transmitting unit configured to transmit data to an external apparatus;

a printing unit configured to print an image on a sheet based on the print data;

a designation unit configured to designate one of a transmitting process ~~or~~ and a printing process as a data output method;

~~a scanning unit configured to scan a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;~~

an index-inputaccepting unit configured to analyze the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and to input the specific index corresponding to the analyzed

predetermined code accept information indicating the common index of data to be output by the designated data output method; and

a control unit configured to ~~select the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and to control said transmitting unit to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input by said index input unit, to the other image processing apparatus when said designation unit designates the transmitting process as the data output method, and to select the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and to control said printing unit to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when said designation unit designates the printing process as the data output method, when said designation unit designates the transmitting process as the data output method, select the application data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said transmitting unit to transmit the selected application data without converting the selected application data into the print data, and, when said designation unit designates the printing process as the data output method, select the print data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said printing unit to print, without converting the application data into the print data after said designation unit designates the printing process, an image based on the selected print data.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein said printing unit prints an image obtained by synthesizing the information indicating the common index ~~predetermined code~~ and the print data stored in the storage ~~input by said second input unit.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:
a scanning unit configured to scan a printed material on which a predetermined code is
printed;
an index input unit configured to analyze the predetermined code, which is printed on the
printed material, and to input the common index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined
code, wherein the predetermined code is expressed by a barcode.
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information
indicating the common index ~~predetermined code~~ is expressed by a character string.
5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information
indicating the common index ~~predetermined code~~ is expressed by each character spacing in a
predetermined character string.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein when the output
method designated by said designation unit is printing by said printing unit, said control selecting
unit selects the print data and causes said printing unit to print an image based on the print data.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when the output
method designated by said designation unit is transmission by said transmitting transmission
unit, said control selecting unit causes said transmitting transmission unit to transmit the
application data.
8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the storage unit
~~database~~ is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method of an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus;

a second input step of inputting print data suitable for printing, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format;

a registration-storing step of registering-storing both the application data and print data generated from the application data in a database-storage unit with a specific-common index, wherein the application data being created by the predetermined application software and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index being converted into the print data suitable for printing;

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus by a transmitting unit;

a printing step of printing an image on a sheet based on the print data by a printing unit;

a designation step of designating one of a transmitting process ~~or~~ and a printing process as a data output method;

~~a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;~~

~~an index input step of analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and inputting the specific index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code; and~~

~~an accepting step of accepting information indicating the common index of data to be output by the designated data output method; and~~

a control step of selecting the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input in said index input

step, to the other image processing apparatus when the transmitting process is designated as the data output method in said designation step, and selecting the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and controlling said printing step to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when the printing process is designated as the data output method in said designation step, when the transmitting process is designated in said designation step as the data output method, select the application data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said transmitting unit to transmit the selected application data without converting the selected application data into the print data, and, when the printing process is designated in said designation step as the data output method, select the print data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said printing unit to print, without converting the application data into the print data after the printing process is designated in said designation step, an image based on the selected print data.

10. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable storage medium storing a program that, when executed by a computer, performs an image processing method of an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus;

a second input step of inputting print data suitable for printing, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format;

a registration-storing step of registering-storing both the application data and print data generated from the application data in a database storage unit with a specific common index,

wherein the application data and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index the application data being created by the predetermined application software and being converted into the print data suitable for printing,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus by a transmitting unit,

a printing step of printing an image on a sheet based on data by a printing unit,

a designation step of designating one of a transmitting process ~~or~~ and a printing process as a data output method,

~~a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;~~

~~an index input step analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and of inputting the specific index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code~~
accepting step of accepting information indicating the common index of data to be output by the designated data output method, and

a control step of ~~selecting the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input in said index input step, to the other image processing apparatus when the transmitting process is designated as the data output method in said designation step, and selecting the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and controlling said printing step to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when the printing process is designated as the data output method in said designation step, when~~
the transmitting process is designated in said designation step as the data output method, select the application data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said transmitting unit to

transmit the selected application data without converting the selected application data into the print data, and, when the printing process is designated in said designation step as the data output method, select the print data among both the application data and the print data in said storage unit with the common index indicated by the accepted information and control said printing unit to print, without converting the application data into the print data after the printing process is designated in said designation step, an image based on the selected print data.

11. (Canceled)